

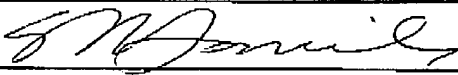
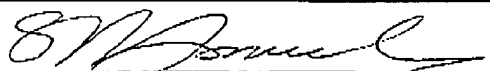
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:


This response is being filed in reply to the office action mailed December 6, 2005. In that action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a cleaning system, classified in class 401, subclass 140;
- II. Claims 10-14, drawn to a collar, classified in class 403, subclass 385; or
- III. Claims 15-18, drawn to a method of cleaning tile grout, classified in class 134, subclass 29, 34.

The Applicant elects the invention disclosed in Group 1 (claims 1-9) and withdraws Groups II and III, claims 10-14 and claims 15-18, respectively, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in the event that generic claims are allowed or for purposes of filing a divisional application.

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